

**Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)
LRS Director's Quarterly Report
June 2020**

PROGRAM SERVICES

Pre-Employment Transition Services:

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) provides Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) to students with disabilities between the ages of 16 and 21 with an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP), who meets the definition of a student with a disability as covered under Section 504, or who has a documented disability. Pre-ETS include Job Exploration Counseling, Work-Based Learning Experiences, Counseling on Post-Secondary Opportunities, Workplace Readiness Training and Training on Self Advocacy. LRS is currently serving over 4,000 students statewide.

Also, LRS currently has 11 active Third Party Cooperative Agreements (TPCA) with local or state education providers to provide Pre-ETS and is continuing to pursue additional TPCA's with local and state education providers. LRS is currently working on 3 new TPCAs and expanding 2 existing TPCAs to serve more students in those school districts.

Vocational Rehabilitation Consumer Statistics (for current quarter):

Number of Applications	368
Number of Eligibility/Delayed	485
Number of New IPEs	257
Number of Closed Rehab (Successful Closures)	260
Total Open VR cases as of June 16	8,942
Total Open Pre-ETS cases as of June 16	2,007

DD Open VR Cases: April 1, 2020 thru June 16, 2020

Disability Cause	New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Houma	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Alexandria	Shreveport	Monroe	Total
Autism	161	151	42	62	27	24	47	20	534
Cerebral Palsy	39	40	10	10	8	19	28	10	164
Intellectual Disabilities	181	56	30	41	40	41	76	44	509
Specific Learning Disabilities	292	227	72	18	7	64	125	181	986
Total	673	474	154	131	82	148	276	255	2193

DD Closed Rehabilitated Cases: April 1, 2020 thru June 16, 2020

Case Status	Case Type	Disability Cause	Total
Closed-Rehab	VR	Autism	20
		Cerebral Palsy	2
		Intellectual Disabilities	13
		Specific Learning Disabilities	13
Total:			48

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

VR100 Anniversary - Celebrating a Century of Success:

June 2, 2020, marked the 100th anniversary of the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program. The program was the first federally funded program to assist people with disabilities who had not acquired their disabilities as a result of serving in the military. President Woodrow Wilson signed the Smith-Fess Act of 1920, also known as the Industrial Rehabilitation Act and referred to as "The National Civilian Vocational Rehabilitation Act," into law June 2, 1920.

Louisiana Rehabilitation Council (LRC):

The April LRC meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19. It has been rescheduled for June 25, 2020 via ZOOM. There are currently eight vacancies on the council.

Training:

Staff have been engaging in numerous training opportunities during the last quarter. Staff have attended webinars through the Workforce Innovation Technical Assistance Center (WINTAC), Rehabilitation Services Administration, Project E3/University of Wisconsin-Stout, the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition and other various agencies and departments.

Staff have participated in Leadership training, Pre-Employment Transition Training, Career Pathways training, Disability Employment Opportunities Training, training on specialized caseloads and disabilities, youth training, reengaging in the workforce during Covid-19, and many other topics relative to today's society.

During Covid-19, staff were able to work remotely and identify ways to confidentially contact consumers utilizing technology such as Zoom, Google Voice, Skype for Business, etc. Staff were trained on these programs as well and have done an amazing job adapting to unforeseen challenges.

Supervisory staff have completed continuing education classes through Louisiana's Comprehensive Public Training Program (CPTP).

We are currently in the process of developing and planning a New Counselor Academy for later this year.